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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Previously presented) An image data communication system in which a plurality of client

computers and a server system are capable of communicating with each other via a network, wherein

one of said client computers includes:

an original-image data specifying unit for specifying original-image data that is to be

transmitted to said server system; and

an original-image data transmitting unit for transmitting the original-image data, which has

been specified by said original-image data specifying unit, to said server system; and

said server system includes:

an original-image data receiving unit for receiving the original-image data transmitted from

said original-image data transmitting unit;

an image data generating unit, which responds to receipt of the original-image data by said

original-image data receiving unit, for generating reduced-data-quantity image data of same format

of two stages representing at least two images possessing data quantities of at least two stages in

each of which the quantity of data is less than that of the original-image data; and

a unit for associating the original-image data, which has been received by said original-image

data receiving unit, and the reduced-data-quantity image data that has been generated by said image

data generating unit.

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2.   (Currently amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said server system further

includes a specific-format image data generating unit for generating image data including having a

predetermined specific data format that is independent of the data format of the original-image data.

3.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said image data generating unit

generates reduced-data-quantity image data of a prescribed format that is independent of the data

format of the original-image data.

4.   (Currently amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said server system further

includes a memory in which the quantity of original-image data that can be stored is allocated

beforehand to each client computer, said memory storing temporarily the original-image data that has

been received by said original-image data receiving unit;

        said original-image data transmitting unit of said client computer sending said server system

the original-image data including having a data quantity less than the quantity of data allocated

beforehand.

5.   (Currently amended) The system according to claim 4, wherein said server system further

includes a data-quantity information transmitting unit for sending said client computer information

representing a pre-allocated data quantity capable of being stored in said memory;

        said original-image data transmitting unit of said client computer sending said server system

the original-image data including having a data quantity less than the quantity of data allocated

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beforehand based upon said information, which represents the data quantity, transmitted from said

data-quantity information transmitting unit of said server system.

6.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said server system further includes a

storage unit for storing the original-image data and the reduced-data-quantity image data of two

stages.

7.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said server system further includes a

color adjustment unit for applying color adjustment processing to at least one item of image data

among the original-image data and reduced-data-quantity image data of two stages.

8.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said client computer further includes:

a data specifying unit for specifying image data that is to undergo color adjustment among the

original-image data and reduced-data-quantity image data of two stages; and

a specifying-data transmitting unit for sending said server system specifying data which

represents the image data that has been specified by said data specifying unit; and

said server system further includes a specifying-data receiving unit for receiving the

specifying data that has been transmitted from said specifying-data transmitting unit of said client

computer;

said color adjustment unit applying color adjustment processing to image data, which has

been specified by said specifying data received by said specifying-data receiving unit, among the

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original-image data and reduced-data-quantity image data of two stages.

9.   (Original) The system according to claim 6, wherein said client computer further includes a

transmission requesting unit for sending said server system a request to transmit at least one item of

image data among the original-image data and reduced-data-quantity image data of two stages that

has been stored in said storage unit; and

        said server system further includes:

        a transmission-request receiving unit for receiving the transmission request transmitted from

said transmission requesting unit of said client computer;

        a first reception-privilege determination unit for determining whether the privilege to receive

image data specified by the transmission request received by said transmission-request receiving unit

resides with the client computer that issued the transmission request; and

        a data transmitting unit, which is responsive to a determination by said first reception-

privilege determination unit to the effect that the privilege resides with said client computer, for

reading the image data specified by the transmission request out of said memory unit and

transmitting this image data to said client computer, and which is responsive to a determination by

said first reception-privilege determination unit to the effect that the privilege does not reside with

said client computer, for sending said client computer data indicating that transmission is not

allowed.

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10.   (Original) The system according to claim 6, wherein said server system further includes an

end-message transmitting unit, which is responsive to storage of the original-image data and the

reduced-data-quantity image data of two stages in said storage unit, for transmitting a message

indicative of end of storage to said client computer that transmitted the original-image data.

11.   (Original) The system according to claim 6, wherein said client computer further includes:

        an image search-condition input unit for inputting image search conditions; and

        an image search-condition transmitting unit for sending said client computer the image search

conditions that have been input from said image search-condition input unit; and

        said server system further includes:

        an image search-condition receiving unit for receiving image search conditions that have

been transmitted from said image search-condition transmitting unit;

        a search unit for searching, on the basis of the image search conditions received by said

image search-condition receiving unit, at least one item of data among the original-image data and

the reduced-data-quantity image data of two stages stored in said storage unit; and

        a search-result information transmitting unit for sending said client computer information

relating to results of the search conducted by said search unit.

12.   (Original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said server system further includes a

second reception-privilege determination unit for determining whether the privilege to receive image

data, which has been found as a result of the search conducted by said search unit, resides with said

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client computer;

said search-result information transmitting unit, in response to a determination by said second

reception-privilege determination unit to the effect that the reception privilege resides with said

client computer, sending said client computer the image data found as a result of the search

conducted by said search unit.

13.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said client computer further includes an

image display unit for displaying an image representing by image data of a prescribed format; and

said server system further includes a format conversion unit for converting the original-image

data that has been received by said original-image data receiving unit to a format that is capable of

being displayed by said image display unit;

said image data generating unit generating the reduced-data-quantity image data having a

format that is capable of being displayed by said image display unit.

14.   (Previously presented) A server system capable of communicating with a client computer via

a network, comprising:

an original-image data receiving unit for receiving the original-image data transmitted;

an image data generating unit, which responds to receipt of the original-image data by said

original-image data receiving unit, for generating reduced-data-quantity image data of same format

of two stages representing at least two images possessing data quantities of at least two stages in

each of which the quantity of data is less than that of the original-image data; and

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a unit for associating the original-image data, which has been received by said original-image

data receiving unit, and the reduced-data-quantity image data that has been generated by said image

data generating unit.

15 and 16 (Canceled).

17.   (Previously presented) A method of controlling the operation of a server system capable of

communicating with a client computer via a network, comprising:

receiving original-image data that is sent;

generating, in response to receipt of the original-image data, reduced-data-quantity image

data of same format of two stages representing at least two images possessing data quantities of at

least two stages in each of which the quantity of data is less than that of the original-image data; and

associating the original-image data that has been received and the reduced-data-quantity

image data that has been generated.

18 and 19 (Canceled).

20.   (Previously presented) A recording medium storing a program for controlling a server system

capable of communicating with a client computer via a network, said program controlling a

computer of the server system so as to:

receive original-image data that has been sent;

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generate, in response to receipt of the original-image data, reduced-data-quantity image data

of same format of two stages representing at least two images possessing data quantities of at least

two stages in each of which the quantity of data is less than that of the original-image data; and

associate the original-image data that has been received and the reduced-data-quantity image

data that has been generated.

21 and 22 (Canceled).

23.   (Previously presented) An image data communication system in which a plurality of client

computers and a server system are capable of communicating with each other via a network, wherein

one of said client computers includes:

means for specifying original-image data that is to be transmitted to said server system; and

means for transmitting the original-image data, which has been specified by said means for

specifying, to said server system; and

said server system includes:

means for receiving the original-image data transmitted from said means for transmitting;

means, which responds to receipt of the original-image data by said means for receiving, for

generating reduced-data-quantity image data of same format of two stages representing at least two

images possessing data quantities of at least two stages in each of which the quantity of data is less

than that of the original-image data; and

means for associating the original-image data, which has been received by said means for

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receiving, and the reduced-data-quantity image data that has been generated by said means for

generating.

24.   (Previously presented) A server system capable of communicating with a client computer via

a network, comprising:

      means for receiving the original-image data transmitted;

      means for generating, which responds to receipt of the original-image data by said means for

receiving, for generating reduced-data-quantity image data of same format of two stages representing

at least two images possessing data quantities of at least two stages in each of which the quantity of

data is less than that of the original-image data; and

      means for associating the original-image data, which has been received by said means for

receiving, and the reduced-data-quantity image data that has been generated by said means for

generating.